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REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-28 are pending in the application. Claims 9-11 and 29-35 have been canceled. In addition, Claim 12 has been amended to depend from Claim 21, and Claims 27 and 28 have been amended to depend from Claim 15. Claims 12, 27, and 28 further describe the invention described by Claim 15, and thus are directed to the Invention III as described in the office action mailed May 17, 2007.

Election/Restriction Requirement

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, election to of one of the following patentably distinct inventions of the claimed invention was required:

Invention I described by Claims 1-6;

Invention II described by Claims 7-14;

Invention III described by Claims 15-22;

Invention IV described by Claims 23-28;

Invention V described by Claims 29-35

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects without traverse Group III for further prosecution on the merits.

Generic Claims

Invention III (Claims 15-22) has been elected without traverse. Referring to Figures 2 and/or 8 of the specification, the sync and frame merge module (202) of Claim 15 is illustrated to include the camera clock (216) and the clock hold off circuit (218). Thus, Claim 23 is generic to Claim 15. In addition, Claims 24-26 are generic to Claim 15. Referring again to Figures 2 Serial No. 10/662,209

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and/or 8 of the specification, the video surveillance system includes a video controller (18). The video controller is illustrated to include the modules described in Claim 15. Thus, Claim 7 and Claim 8 are generic to Claims 15 and 23. In addition, Claims 13 and 14 are generic to Claim 16. Claim 1 also describes the video controller and thus is generic to Claims 7, 15 and 23. In addition, Claims 2 and 3 are generic to Claims 7, 15 and 23. Further, Claim 4 is generic to Claim 17, and Claims 5 and 6 are generic to Claim 18.

Based on the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests examination on the merits of the elected invention, and the claims that are generic thereto.

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